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                                     AN ACT
   4 RELATING TO DEER AND ELK CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE BY ESTAB=
        LISHING A TASK FORCE AND REQUIRING DEPARTMENTAL COOPERATION IN
         THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE ADMINISTRATIVE
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         STRATEGY, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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     BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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         Section 1. CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE == DEFINITIONS.
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1 12 used in this Act, unless the context otherwise requires:
             "Chronic wasting disease" means the animal disease
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  14 afflicting deer and elk that is a transmissible disease of the
1 15 nervous system resulting in distinctive lesions in the brain
1 16 and that belongs to the group of diseases that is known as
1 17 transmissible spongiform encephalopathies.
         2. "Task force" means the chronic wasting disease task
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1 19 force created in section 2 of this Act.
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         Sec. 2. CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE == TASK FORCE.
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         1. A chronic wasting disease task force is created to
1 22 develop a chronic wasting disease administrative strategy as
1 23 provided in this section. The members shall be as follows:
1 24 a. Three members shall be the following state officials:
1 25 (1) The secretary of agriculture, or a designee other th
             The secretary of agriculture, or a designee other than
1 26 the state veterinarian.
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         (2) The director of the department of natural resources or
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  28 a designee.
         (3) The state veterinarian.
        b. The governor shall appoint four members each
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  31 representing an interested organization from a list of
1 32 nominees. Each of the following interested organizations
1 33 shall submit nominations:
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              The Iowa whitetail deer association. The Iowa elk breeders association.
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             The Iowa meat processors association.
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             The Iowa conservation alliance.
         2. The task force shall study risks and responses
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   4 associated with chronic wasting disease in deer and elk
   5 populations, including farm deer as defined in section 189A.2. 6 As part of its duties, the task force shall develop 7 recommendations for all of the following:
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         a. Procedures for the inspection and testing of deer,
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   9 which may include statistical sampling, laboratory testing,
2 10 and verification protocols.
        b. Methods to respond to reported cases of chronic wasting
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  12 disease, including the preparation of plans required to
2 13 contain the spread of the disease.
        c. Methods to ensure that owners of farm deer may engage
2 15 in the movement and sale of farm deer for purposes of breeding
2 16 or slaughter.
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        d. Methods to compensate owners of farm deer for
2 18 depopulation.
2 19 3. The task force may consult with the United States 2 20 department of agriculture and the agencies in neighboring
2 21 states as required in order to provide for the uniform
  22 application of a chronic wasting disease strategy.
         4. Members of the task force shall prescribe rules and
2 24 elect a chairperson. A member is not entitled to receive
  25 reimbursement for actual expenses incurred while engaged in
  26 the performance of official duties. A member is not eligible 27 to receive compensation as provided in section 7E.6.
         Sec. 3. CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE == DEPARTMENT OF
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  29 AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP AND DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL
  30 RESOURCES.
         1. The secretary of agriculture, in consultation with the
  32 state veterinarian, and the director of the department of
  33 natural resources shall act jointly to examine approaches to
  34 most effectively implement a chronic wasting disease
2 35 administrative strategy as provided in section 2 of this Act.
         2. The secretary of agriculture and the director of the
   2 department of natural resources shall establish definite
   3 jurisdictions for their departments and provide mechanisms for
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4 cooperation and consultation when implementing the chronic

5 wasting disease administrative strategy.

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         Sec. 4.
                   CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE == REPORT.
         1. The department of agriculture and land stewardship, in
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   8 cooperation with the department of natural resources, shall
3 9 submit a report to the governor and general assembly. The 3 10 report shall include all of the following:
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         a. Findings and recommendations by the chronic wasting
3 12 disease task force, including recommendations for a chronic
3 13 wasting disease administrative strategy and recommended
3 14 legislative proposals or proposals for administrative rules
3 15 required to implement the strategy as provided in section 2 of
3 16 this Act.
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        b. Findings and recommendations by the secretary of
3 18 agriculture, in consultation with the state veterinarian and 3 19 the director of the department of natural resources, regarding 3 20 approaches to most effectively implement a chronic wasting
3 21 disease administrative strategy as provided in section 3 of 3 22 this Act. The recommendations shall include any legislative
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  23 proposals and proposed and adopted administrative rule
3 24 changes.
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              The report shall be submitted not later than January 1,
  26 2004.
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        Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of
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  28 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.
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